

## **FERTILITY RATE FOR GIRLS 16 YEARS OF AGE**

### **Objective**

By 1990, the fertility rate for girls 16 years of age should be reduced to 25 per 1,000.

### **Explanatory Notes**

The fertility rate is calculated as the number of resident live births to girls 16 years of age per 1,000 female population 16 years of age. N.C. population bases for single years of age are not available prior to 1980.

### **Findings**

The state rate has consistently run above the nation's and rose in each of the last two years. Projections suggest a decline to 30.0 in 1990. The nation also is not expected to meet this objective (3).

### **Data Sources**

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics

United States: National Center for Health Statistics